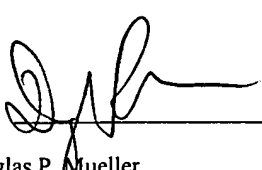


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) Unknown
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/04875	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 April 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 19 April 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION DISCHARGE LAMP DEVICE AND BACKLIGHT			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US TANABE, ET AL.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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<b>Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
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12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.			
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16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Application Data Sheet, Communication Regarding Requested Figure, Communication Under 37 CFR 1.32 (c)(3), International Publication Page, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/IB/304, Form PCT/IB/306, Form PCT/IB/308			

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a) (1)-(5)):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO..... <b>\$920.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)) ..... <b>\$730.00</b>  No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... <b>\$770.00</b>  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(3)) paid to USPTO..... <b>\$1080.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)..... <b>\$100.00</b>				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
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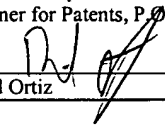
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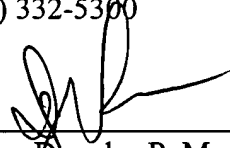
In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 1A be printed on the front page of the published application.

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